

PLAIN TALK TO CARD-PLAYING WOMEN

EVANGELIST SAYS MOTHERS MUST ANSWER

Sufficient Money Taken in to Pay Expenses Amounting to About \$2,250—Six Hundred Women Attend 41 Prayer Meetings Held Yesterday.

The wide interest manifested in the evangelistic meetings was clearly shown again last night. As early as 7 o'clock every seat under the big tent was occupied and a large crowd standing on the outside, the sides of the tent being raised so they could listen to the songs and sermon.

The town of Warrenton sent over a delegation of some 75 or more. The railroad men of the city and the letter carriers were also present, each coming in a body.

Evangelist Smith announced that no more nightly collections would be taken as a sufficient amount had been raised to pay the expenses incurred, nearly \$2,250 in all, it is reported.

He also stated that prayer meetings were held yesterday in 40 homes in the city, were attended by 643 ladies, and that it was the greatest record he had known in all his experience. As he referred to it his face beamed with pleasure and he spoke with much apparent gratification.

At the conclusion of the song service, prayer was offered by Rev. Edgar Carpenter, of Grace Episcopal Church, following which Professor Cole sang as a solo "Life's Railroad to Heaven." Evangelist Smith then took as his text for the evening the fifth chapter of Mark—called the chapter of incurables—in which occurs the story of the man with the devils, the woman with the incurable disease and the girl that was dead, whom Jesus healed and brought back to life.

Said the preacher: "The first of these persons we would have sent to the insane asylum, the second to the hospital and the third to the grave. But not so with the Great Physician."

"I ran across a man in Leesburg, who said he didn't believe in a personal devil. If that's so who is carrying on his work in Alexandria? I got a letter from a lady here in the city telling of a girl who has just entered motherhood by the wrong door. Who did that devilish work? Who caused the arrests made here last Saturday night? Some say there are lots of little devils around. If that's so then there must be an old one too."

"If you say there's no devil then I say you've never tried for 24 hours to live according to the Bible. The devil is not a fool—he's master of his game and you can't fool with him without going down."

"Why, the devil would turn Alexandria into a universal hell if he could have his way! But I'm here tonight to tell you that whatever devil possesses your life, Christ is still lord over devils and can give you power to become victor over the devil. And however brilliant you may be, you'll never be the man or woman God wants you to be until you take your stand for Christ."

Here the evangelist told the story of the redemption of John Callahan, now at the head of a big mission in New York city, but formerly a prisoner in Joliet, Ill., who preaches nightly to a thousand or more bums. "I don't care if you're the worst man in Alexandria, Jesus can cure you!"

"The woman in the text had tried many physicians without help. And some of you women here have been trying about everything. You've tramped to every church and revival you could hear of—until most of your religion is in your heels. If preaching could have saved you, you'd have been saved forty times. What you need is Jesus Christ. Not these meetings, or the choir or ministers—but Christ, the great Physician. He has never lost a case!"

"While my father was holding meetings at Ocean Grove, N. J., 25 years ago, a lady told him there was not an evangelist in the country that she hadn't heard, that she had attended meetings and all that but that her heart was still aching. He told her to cut out tramping to meetings so much and get down on her knees with Jesus."

"One moment of contact with the

Alexandria City News Condensed

Mrs. John Cochran and daughter, Miss Julia Cochran of The Plains, Va., are visiting Miss Cora Lee Cochran in King street.

Mrs. Monroe Love and daughters Misses Harriett and Cita Love are visiting Mrs. Love's mother, Mrs. William B. Daingerfield at 211 south St. Asaph street.

Mrs. Albert Doyle Brockett has returned to her home in north Washington street from Atlantic City, where she spent several weeks with relatives.

Mrs. Frederick M. Green, of Fort Monroe, Va., was the guest on Monday of her brother and sister-in-law Lieutenant and Mrs. Daniel N. Swan, who are visiting Mrs. Swan's parents, Mr. and A. S. Doniphan in the Fairfax Apartments.

Congressman Carlin will be the principal orator at the tournament to be given this afternoon at the Columbia Schoolhouse grounds, Arlington, for the benefit of the Arlington Fire Department.

Mrs. Eleanor Griffith Fairfax, of Westmoreland county, Va., and widow of the late Dr. William Fairfax is a noteworthy visitor in the city. The guest of Mrs. William Morgan Smith, of 111 north Alfred street. In her younger days Mrs. Fairfax lived in Alexandria and has many friends among the members of the older social set, who are delighted to renew their acquaintance with her. They have had little opportunity to do this hitherto for the reason that Mrs. Fairfax has only twice visited Alexandria in a period of fifty years. Mrs. Fairfax is the granddaughter of the Right Rev. David F. Griffith, who was the first Episcopal Bishop of Virginia, and who was at one time rector of Christ Church.

WASHINGTONIANS FAVOR U.S.

Prominent Men Believe That Armor Plant Should be Located Here

It is stated that the members of the Retail Merchants' Association of Washington have picked Alexandria as their second choice in the event that it is apparent that their own city will not be selected as the site of the \$11,000,000 armor plant. This body has appointed a committee to investigate the matter as the result of a resolution to that effect offered by M. A. Leese, vice-president of the organization, instructing the members to throw their support to this city in the event of Washington not being considered eligible.

The above is in line with the spirit of the prominent Washingtonian with whom the Gazette representative had a conversation last night. This gentleman said:

"I've been away from home for several weeks and I was surprised on my return to find the status of the Armor Plant site affair. I hear, on good authority, that those who are in the know state that they fear the claims of Alexandria and Philadelphia more than they do those of any other city. Personally, in the beginning, I did not think that Alexandria had even a look-in, but from what the fellows tell me now it seems to me that she has a mighty good chance if the people over there will get busy and properly present the advantages they undoubtedly can offer."

"In so far as the claim that if the plant was located in Washington it would derive the benefit of being close to head quarters is concerned, that is all poppycock. You know what happens in most government offices, don't you?—the circumlocution and red tape. I mean, why, I know of once case in which the desk of the two men who received the mail for two separate divisions of one department were only twenty feet apart. The addresses for the two divisions were so much alike that mail was frequently sent to one when it was intended for the other. Either one of the officials could have tossed a wrongly addressed letter across the room to the other fellow. Did he do so. Not on your tinfoy! He dictated a letter to the party who wrote wrongly and returned his letter with instructions as to how to get to the man at the desk twenty feet away. It didn't make any difference whether

Mr. G. Bryan Pitts, is spending several days in New York and Philadelphia.

Mr. Frederick M. Penn, who has been a patient at the Alexandria Hospital has recovered and returned to his home. His wife who has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. James E. Howdershell, at Litconia, Fairfax county has returned to this city.

Miss Mary Kavanaugh, president of the Alumnae Association of St. Mary's Academy has called a special meeting of the members of that organization for tomorrow night, in the Academy, at 7 o'clock. One of the matters to be discussed is the proposal of affiliate with the National Alumnae organization of the Catholic schools of America.

In the Gazette's account of a raid on a disorderly house on Commerce street one night this week it was stated that J. T. Pettit was found therein. This was correct, according to the docket of the Police Court. Marshall Pettit is generally known by the name of Joe, and a number of readers of the Gazette have erroneously supposed he fell into the dragnet. He has requested the Gazette to set its readers right.

There were two cases before the Police Court this morning. Officer Smith arraigned a strange negro who gave his name as Robert Jones on a charge of drunken and disorderly conduct. The officer stated that he found the man drunk with one of his arms bleeding, he having been attacked by some one who used a fork as a weapon. He was fined \$5. Charles Hutchinson, a white man, arrested by a railroad detective for trespassing upon a Chesapeake and Ohio train, was dismissed upon promising to leave the city.

the correspondent lived in New York City or San Francisco.

"And so the claims of the people here in Washington in relation to the value of having the plant right here are just what I have called them. I think that you're far and away better able to handle the labor situation over there in Alexandria and provide better housing facilities than we are here in Washington. This city was never intended to be a commercial or industrial city, and among a great many people there is a strong feeling against trying to make it one."

The meeting of the full committee of those working to bring the plant here has been postponed from eleven o'clock tomorrow (Thursday) morning until two o'clock in the afternoon. This is a most important meeting and it is urged that all those belonging to this body will be in attendance.

BOOSTERS

Do not forget the meeting of the Armor Plate Plant Committee in the Chamber of Commerce Rooms at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

THE RAMBLER.

Paragraph Points Picked up by Our Man on the Street.

An old darkey servant in a Philadelphia club, is reported to have said, "the more important man's always kindest to us humble folks."

The old man's observation was correct. There is one thing that the gentleman will always extend to his inferiors in social position, and that is courtesy. When you find men or women who are overbearing or rude to one class while they fawn upon another you may write them down as cad. Social position is largely a matter of chance, in any event. Our ancestry was determined by chance. Had our fathers or mothers been ten minutes late for some meeting, or have failed to go to a certain social gathering, or a hundred and one other things, they would not have met the other necessary to You. And so, while it is well to be proud of a good name and social position, we have no reason to feel in anything for ourselves other than

Mr. John Newton has returned to his home in Stafford, after visiting friends in Alexandria.

A marriage license has been issued in Washington to Harry H. Watkins and Cora L. Newton, both of Alexandria.

Mrs. Howard W. Smith, who has been spending the past four months with Mrs. W. W. Smith at Broad Run, Va., returned to her home in this city yesterday.

Several of the committees of city council already have organized with the election of chairmen, as follows: Finance, Albert Bryan; light, James B. Fitzgerald; Fire, William Desmond; streets, James W. Bales; public property, William P. Woolls.

Mr. John Park Agnew announces the marriage of his sister Miss Mary Bell Agnew to Mr. Alexander Kinier Stratton, of Washington. The ceremony was performed at noon today by Rev. John Lee Allison, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Stratton is the daughter of the late John P. and Laura B. Agnew. Mr. Stratton, who is a former Alexandrian, is secretary and treasurer of the Washington and Old Dominion Railway. They will reside in this city.

Mrs. Gordon Asher entertained at a beautiful tea yesterday afternoon at her home in south Washington street in honor of Miss Elizabeth Woodson, of Vicksburg, Miss., who is visiting Misses Elsie and Edith Snowden. Mrs. Asher was assisted in serving by Miss Clarence Snowden, Miss Edith Snowden and Miss Elsie Snowden. Among those invited to meet Miss Woodson were Mrs. Mil-ton, the Misses La Follette and Miss Webb of Washington. Mrs. Evelyn Powell, Mrs. Thornton Ashton, and Miss Mary Snowden of this city.

our own personal achievement. And we simply appear ridiculous in the eyes of well-balanced people when we do otherwise.

Frankly, I'm not personally in favor of hurrah methods of religion, but I do believe that they are necessary to meet the requirements of some natures. And if I cannot approve I certainly will not oppose anything which holds promise of good effect upon others.

A day or two ago I heard a man make the assertion that he wasn't going to 'go out to the front' in the tent meetings because so many of those now in the church are not living up to their professions. If that is his only reason he is just as sensible as the man who refuses to believe there are any fresh eggs because, inadvertently, a farm's wife once put a nest egg into a dozen of reputed fresh eggs which were sold to him.

Church membership is made up of human beings. Necessarily a proportion of these are faulty. It is a matter for surprise that so few show up so badly at times. But the men and women who do not live up to their professions incur a heavy responsibility. Personally, I believe that hypocrisy is an unpardonable sin. The people of this world judge others by their everyday lives. The men and women who have been converted or re-energized during this revival will be very closely scrutinized by their neighbors. They will be watched to see if they pay all their old debts, shake their old bad habits, are kind where formerly they were cross, and so on. If there is no apparent change in their life then it doesn't matter at all how loud they sing or pray on Sunday—people won't and can't believe in them. Another man can't build confidence in you in himself. It is up to you to do the building.

And this is the big point—the faulty professors of religion will provide the enemies of the church with weapons with which to assail it. The period which follows a revival is a most important one. In many of the cities in which Billy Sunday has spoken thousands have been converted by the workers, inspired and left behind. And these conversions have been largely the result of the example of genuine Christians rather than that of preaching.

Norfolk Oysters at the Rammel Cafe.

COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS LAST NIGHT

SOME SURPRISES IN RESULTS ANNOUNCED

Oscar Phillips to Take Place of J. E. Shinn as Police Commissioner From the First Ward, and W. H. Helmuth Succeeds Harry Kirk as School Trustee From Third Ward.

There was a comparatively short session of the City Council last night, although a large volume of business was disposed of and a joint session held for the purpose of electing certain city officers. It may be remarked incidentally that the new city fathers have not inherited a propensity for much talking which during the past few years had been an epidemic in the two boards. They realize that they have been elected by their constituents to transact business, and, they show a disposition to make debate secondary.

Oscar Phillips was elected a police commissioner from the First ward over J. Edward Shinn, incumbent, by a vote of 15 to 7.

For school trustee from the Third ward William H. Helmuth was elected over Harry D. Kirk, incumbent, by a vote of 16 to 6.

Other school trustees who were re-elected without opposition are Gilbert J. Cox, First ward; S. L. Monroe, Second ward; T. Clifton Howard, Fourth ward.

Dr. Edward A. Gorman, city health officer; Dr. Walter A. Warfield, physician to the poor, were also elected. On recommendation of Dr. Gorman, Dr. James J. Garvey was re-elected deputy health officer. William J. B. Duncan was elected dispenser of medicine from the Western district to fill the unexpired term of Henry Callan, who tendered his resignation at last night's meeting.

Board of Aldermen

All the members of the Board of Aldermen were present when President Marbury rapt to order.

But two papers were introduced. Mr. Harrison presented a resolution looking to the codification of the city laws, which was referred to the committee on general laws. The last codification of the laws of the City Council was made by the late William F. Carne in 1874.

Mr. Fitzgerald, of the light committee, presented a favorable report on the ordinance providing for a contract with the Alexandria County Lighting Company for furnishing the city with electric lights, which was adopted by a unanimous vote.

A resolution, adopted by the Common Council at the last meeting providing for a joint session of the two boards for the purpose of electing certain city officers was read.

Mr. Wilkins favored postponing the joint session until the next meeting, in order, he said, to get rid of "peanut politics," as there were so many candidates for the positions to be filled. These aspirants he said are good democrats, but he thought the result would be more satisfactory should Council conclude to lay the matter over two weeks.

Mr. Brill said all the candidates were good men, and the proposed election had been sufficiently advertised. He failed to see what good could be accomplished by postponing the election.

The motion to concur in the action of the Common Council was adopted by a vote of 6 to 2—Messrs. Wilkins and Fitzgerald voting no.

The action of the Common Council

was concurred in upon all papers sent in, and later the Aldermen retired to the chamber of the Common Council for the purpose of participating in the joint session and upon their return adjourned.

Common Council.

Fourteen members of the lower board were present. A resolution of Councilman Bryan that city council give its approval to the movement inaugurated having for its object the securing of the proposed government armor plant for this city and that council do all in its power to aid the movement was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Pohls' resolution appropriating the sum of \$825 for increase of salaries of members of the police department to take effect January 1, 1917, was referred to the committee on finance and police.

It provides that the salary of the privates shall be \$75 a month instead of \$60 which they now receive. The salary of the chief is fixed at \$100 and the first sergeant, \$90; second sergeant, \$85; third sergeant, \$80.

Councilman Lawler introduced a resolution that property owners be allowed a discount of five cents on that part of the city taxes they will pay December 1. Mr. Lawler stated he introduced the resolution at the request of many property owners. It was referred to the finance and general laws committees.

A petition asking for immediate relief from the "public nuisance" drinking fountain at Cameron and Royal streets, signed by a large number of property owners living in that vicinity was referred to the joint committee on streets and general laws.

It is alleged in the petition that the fountain is dangerous to life and property and effects the life of man and animals who drink from it since it is used for a wash basin, laundry and bath tub because no one appears to have supervision over the same.

Council recommended that the names of the following ten residents be sent to the state department of game and inland fisheries for the purpose of selecting a game warden for this city from: George Ayers, J. Owen Lynch, Everett Roberts, Otto Voglesang, Cecil Hufty, Dutton Wood, James McCauley, Herbert Knight, J. Sidney Douglas, Charles Bell. (Mr. Ayers states that his name was used without his authority and that should he be selected he will decline the honor.)

An ordinance regulating lights on automobiles and motorcycles and fixing a penalty for the violation of the provisions, introduced by Councilman Bales, after some debate was referred to the committee on general laws and streets.

It provides that all vehicles in motion or at rest after sundown display, at least, one light in front and one in rear visible for a distance of 200 feet, at least. For the first offense of its violation a fine of \$1 to \$5 can be imposed and for the second offense a fine of from \$5 to \$25.

Mr. Bales explained that he drew the ordinance and its object was against blinding lights now used by motorists.

Resolution of Councilman Bryan appropriating the sum of \$10,000 for schools for fiscal year, 1916-17, was referred to committee on finance and schools.

An ordinance of Councilman Bales making it unlawful to drive over a road that may be closed or remove

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For Sale.

The choicest building sites around Alexandria, situated on Braddock Heights. Fine roads and accessible to the Electric Line. Prices moderate. It will pay you to look them over before deciding upon the location of your home. For particulars see your local Real Estate Agent or N. Lindsey and Co., Inc. 1-218-126.

Millinery Opening.

The fall and winter styles are ready for inspection at Miss Annie Hurdle's 716 King street, Thursday and Friday, September 28 and 29th. All are invited. 225-3t.